



Inter-faith Cantata

A precious gift of song from Community Choir

Elk Point Community Choir saluted the season with their annual Christmas Concert on Friday evening, delighting an appreciative crowd with traditional and multicultural sounds of

Christmas.

The festively garbed choir, with ladies in scarlet blazers and men in Santa Claus ties, opened the concert with "Hush," a traditional spiritual

and carols. Soloists Kim Beardy and Jope Langejans highlighted "The Twenty-fifth Day of December," while soloist Kerry Anderson and Kelsey Mueller on conga added to the Caribbean beat of "Calypso Carol". The humble site of Jesus' birth was celebrated in "Simple Stable," featuring Laurie Keichinger on flute and Kelsey Mueller on conga.

The men of the choir ended the set with a traditional American spiritual, "Go Down, Moses."

Laurie Keichinger was the first solo act of the evening, with "Love Will Be Our Home." Julia and Merrill Clark followed with two seasonal songs, "Were You There?" accompanied by Deanna Easthope, and "Winter Wonderland" with Merrill on guitar. Kallie-Jo Coleman was also accompanied by Mrs. Easthope as she sang "He Was a Shepherd Too."

The ladies of the choir offered "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," which also showcased impressive piano artistry of Mrs. Easthope.

Three numbers from Handel's famous "Messiah" saw the entire choir in fine voice, starting with "For Unto Us a Child is Born," followed by "And the Glory of the Lord," and winding up with a most impressive rendition of the "Hallelujah Chorus."

An audience sing-along was followed by a short intermission.

Three slightly befuddled wise men were first on

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PUTTING IN A CALL TO HEAVEN - Elk Point Community Choir and pianist Kelsey Mueller back up the quartet of Laurie Keichinger, Shaun Sheplaw, Kim Beardy and Garry Townsend and soloist Kerry Anderson as they try to get Heaven on the line in a marvelous rendition of "Operator."

■ Up Front

Council gets ready for Elk Point's 2002 operations

Elk Point Town Council met last week for their final time in 2001, and spent much of the evening on financial plans for the coming year.

Northern Lights Library System has asked member municipalities to approve a five percent increase in their levy for 2002, to help offset a projected \$178,000 deficit on their \$2.8 million budget this year. Their move to the new headquarters has increased costs for the system, which hopes to sell their former headquarters building and thus substantially decrease the deficit total. Mayor Lyle

Frisby, who represents the Town on the Northern Lights board, feels confident that once the system is in their new building "and we look things over, we should have a balanced budget next year."

The Town's 2002 operational budget was approved, paving the way for business in the New Year.

Included in the new budget is \$3750 for municipal planning which will go toward redoing the land use bylaw. Approval of the annexation of adjoining property is imminent, and the Town may also rezone some

areas currently within Town limits.

Municipal 2000 Grant funding which will be used for electrification of the recreation land campground was put into reserves for next spring's project, while the costs of constructing the transfer station are to be paid from capital reserves.

Council approved the 2002 FCSS budget, noting that that department operates very efficiently and very close to their budgeted amounts.

With the high cost of utilities making it difficult for local groups to operate their facilities, Council

agreed to send the Curling Club, Golf Club, A. G. Ross Operating Committee, Ag Society Livestock and Fairgrounds Division, the Seniors and the Elks Lodge a letter indicating that the Town has a limited amount of funds available for assistance and will accept applications from these groups for a grant to help offset the increased cost of operation.

The Community Lions Santa's Anonymous will also benefit from the Town's generosity. Council voted to donate \$240 toward helping less fortunate families have a happy holiday

Petrovera plans to drill new wells in Ross Lake area

Petrovera introduced plans to drill as many as 27 new heavy oil wells in the Ross Lake area, beginning in February and March, 2002, when they met with local residents at their open house last week at Frog Lake Hall. Petrovera's "most likely scenario" is a total of 14 wells.

Petrovera has received approval to drill up to 32 wells per section on sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 - 56 - 4 - W4, and is applying for approval of this same density on sections 9 and 10 - 56 - 4 - W4. The open house is the first step in the consultation process for this application.

The first phase of their drilling project includes 10 development locations

around existing wells in areas which have been explored with 3-D seismic, although some of these wells may not be drilled if "surprises" such as unexpectedly poor reservoir quality is found.

One seed well on Section 10 - 56 - 4 - W4, across from the entrance to Ross Lake campground, is also planned. Whitney Lakes Provincial Park staff expressed concern regarding noise produced by that well's operation. While the drilling process for that well would be complete long before the park opens for the season, the trucks hauling oil and the pump on the well were seen as sources of noise that could

disturb the peaceful park atmosphere.

Engineer Jim Sheasby said Petrovera expects to limit trucking to the hours between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. "We're not trying for a 24-hour haul." He indicated that trucks would access the well from the south, rather than roads from the north and west most frequently used by park users. Pumps currently used on Petrovera wells are run by gas hydraulic motors with a double muffler system in their standing operating practice. Charts show this type of pump producing less noise audible at a distance of 200 meters than is produced in the average living room.

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PETROVERA ENGINEER Jim Sheasby points out the location of a proposed well in close proximity to Ross Lake campground to Glenn Harvey and Darren Kjenner.

community NEWS

Riverland wants to be part of trail planning process

With the agreement newly signed between Northeast MuniCor and CN Rail, Sheila Thompson and Marvin Bjornstad of the Riverland Trail Society visited Elk Point Town Council last week to outline that group's involvement with future development of the former railway trackage. Riverland sees the need for discussion of "a

lot of planning issues" if development of a trail is considered. The Society had looked into resources for "a heavy volunteer project" which could have even included the need to deck the bridges and trestles. This work was done prior to the property being turned over to MuniCor, but facilities such as toilets, shelters and camping areas will still be needed on any portion of the property which becomes a trail. Bjornstad said, Riverland also looked at the historic sites along the corridor and did some work on policies for a future trail.

"There are a whole lot

of issues," Bjornstad said, from funding to local planning, to be considered in "developing [the corridor] from a trail through the bush to a first class regional resource," and Riverland hopes "to be there to give advice."

Sheila Thompson feels the upcoming centennial of Alberta and Saskatchewan is "a once in 100 year opportunity... which could catch the imagination of Albertans. We have three or four years to work that angle." Having a corridor of this magnitude means "a need for combined planning. We're looking at three parts: the actual trail, with

staging areas and rest stops... maps, guidebooks and history, maybe on a website... and special events such as snowmobile rallies and wagon treks which recreational groups could come up with." She noted that \$32 million in centennial project funding was distributed this past year and "if we had a good plan, we could start shopping around. The politicians like inter-municipality cooperation."

Inter-municipality cooperation has garnered a lot of support, Bjornstad said, "and we're now following up to start raising money, and interfacing with the tourist associations to get cooperation for a possible workshop in January." There is a need "to sit down and determine our roles," and Riverland will announce meeting dates and will be meeting with adjacent landowners.

Mayor Lyle Frisby said that while "it will take a while to get the mandate set up," he is looking forward to meeting with the group in the future.

Ms Thompson said that while Riverland understands it is not yet decision-making time, "but we want to show everyone what it could be."

EUB Alberta Energy and Utilities Board
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TOWN OF ELK POINT
APPLICATION NO. 1250522
ATCO ELECTRIC LTD.

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Nature of the Applications

An application has been filed with the EUB by the Town of Elk Point (the Town) for approval to amend its franchise agreement with ATCO Electric Ltd. This franchise agreement currently requires ATCO Electric to pay the Town a franchise fee based on an escalating percentage (currently 4.07 per cent) of ATCO Electric's gross revenues within the Town in lieu of taxes otherwise payable. The proposed amendment to the agreement would increase the level of the franchise fee to 6 per cent, but the fee would only apply to ATCO Electric's revenues for the delivery of electric power. It would no longer apply to the cost of the power itself. Franchise fees are recovered as part of a utility's delivery charges and are required to be billed as a separate charge on all electric billings.

ATCO Electric has applied to the EUB for approval to revise its rates to allow the amended franchise fee to be recovered from customers within the Town. The effect of this change is minimal for the average residential customer but will depend on a customer's consumption. Customers should contact ATCO Electric if they would like more specific details regarding how this change would affect their bill.

The change in the calculation of the franchise fee would ensure that all customers connected to ATCO Electric's distribution system in the Town would be treated the same with respect to collection of the municipal franchise fee. The change would also maintain franchise fee revenues for the Town that are similar to the franchise fee revenue received in the year 2001.

Additional Information

To obtain additional information or a copy of the applications, contact:

Town of Elk Point

Box 448

Elk Point, Alberta T0A 1A0

Attention: Myron Goyan, Town Manager

Telephone: (780) 724-3810, Fax: (780) 724-2762

- or -

ATCO Electric

10035 - 105 Street

Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2V6

Attention: J. P. Sloan

Distribution Services

Telephone: (780) 420-7310, Fax: (780) 420-7400

For information about EUB procedures, contact:

Utilities Branch, EUB

Attention: Joyce Didier

Telephone: (780) 427-8558

Copies of the applications are available for viewing at the EUB's Edmonton office.

To File a Submission

If you have a bona fide interest and want to make a submission, please state in writing your reasons for objecting to the applications. Send your objection to the EUB to the attention of:

Yvette Wong, Utilities Branch

Alberta Energy and Utilities Board

10th Floor

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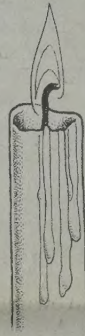
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Michael J. Bruni, O.C., General Counsel

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community NEWS

Lion Keith Campbell named Judge Brian Stevens Fellow

Elk Point and District Lions Club past president Keith Campbell was presented with a Judge Brian Stevens Fellowship at the club's December 13 meeting. The prestigious award was presented by Lions president Jonny Nielsen on behalf of District Governor Ken Straughan. Campbell was unable to attend the special meeting when the District Governor visited the Lions, Community Lions and Leos recently.

Campbell is the third member of the club to receive the fellowship. George Hahn and Jerry Kopeck are previous recipients of this honor. Four members of the

club, Marshall Kachmar, Doug Bassett, Carl Heinemann and Walter Saranchuk, have received Melvin Jones Fellowships over the years, another prestigious award for dedicated members of Lions International.

A report on the newly established trust fund for Dave and Gillian

Cousins and family, whose home was damaged by fire, showed the fund growing steadily. Elk Point Leos Club has committed to a donation to the Cousins children.

The Elk Point and District Lions Club community Christmas Card raised approximately \$400 this year.



CRIME STOPPERS

Hit and run driver sought

■ On December 7, 2001 at about 4:50 p.m., occupants of a grey 2002 Chevrolet Malibu traveling southbound on Highway 41 near Highway 646 were attempting to turn left into a service station when they were hit by another motor vehicle, also traveling southbound, as it passed them on the left side. This motor vehicle failed to stop or remain at the scene and continued south on Highway 41. The Malibu received extensive damage to the front left side. The offending vehicle is described as a mid-size white pickup truck (domestic). It had a

chrome rear bumper and was carrying items in the box, possibly lumber. This vehicle should have damage to the right side, extent unknown.

■ Sometime before November 1, 2001 a residence was broken into. The residence is located approximately 6 miles south of Elk Point. Taken from the residence were an antique rocking chair and some tools.

■ On September 18, 2001, just after midnight, two unknown persons were caught on videotape throwing a rock through the front window of the K & N Liquor Store located at Tags in Elk Point. To

date, their identity has not been revealed.

Anyone with information regarding any of the above incidents is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or the Elk Point RCMP Detachment at 724-3829.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2000 for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for any of the above or any other crime. You do not have to reveal your identity and if your tip leads to an arrest you qualify for an award.

Petrovera

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Sixteen Phase B locations would proceed only after the results are in from Phase A and may not be drilled at all. Follow-up wells include development locations to the seed well on Section 10, and also include one well on Section 11, which is the Ross Lake campground location. However, this well would be directionally drilled from Section 10. "We don't see any play inside the park boundaries," Sheasby said. Also in Phase B are seed wells on Section 9, west of Highway 646, and Sections 1 and 2 which lie south and southeast of the park.

This festive season
Murphy Oil Company Ltd. (Lindbergh)
would like to extend an invitation for a

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

to all local area landowners.

This Come & Go Open House will
be held at the Murphy Oil Lindbergh
Office on December 20, 2001
from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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happiness this holiday season and
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From the staff at Murphy Oil Co. Ltd.

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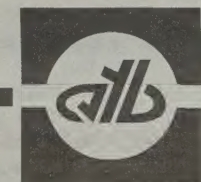
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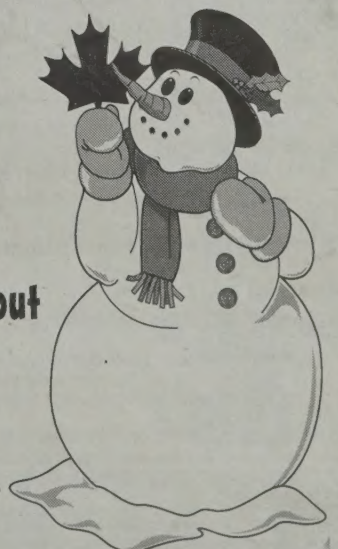
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review VIEWPOINTS



ELK POINT AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB representative Walter Saranchuk presented Elk Point Leos Club president Brandi Yarmuch with \$500 toward the club's next Much Music Video Dance, which is set for February 14. The donation is in recognition of assistance the Leos have given the Lions at bingos.

Holiday hazards: wrap them up

During this busy holiday season, the Alberta Fire Commissioners Office is reminding Albertans to wrap up the fire hazards in our homes to ensure we have a safe, fire-free holiday season. From 1996 to 2000, there were 511 holiday season fires in Alberta which killed 8 and injured another 84. Property damage caused by these fires totaled \$18 million. Main causes of these fires include cooking, burning candles, home heating, children playing with fire and electrical sources. In fact, during the Christmas season, the frequency of home fires caused by candle burning increases 140%. Take care with candles this Christmas!

When using candles:

- Mount candles on non-combustible holders that won't tip over and are big enough to collect dripping wax.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a Christmas tree.
- Never leave children or pets alone in a room with a burning candle. Don't allow older children to light candles in their bedrooms. A forgotten candle is all it takes to start a fire.
- Snuff out candles when festivities are over. Never let candles burn down to the bottom.

For more information, check the Fire Commissioner's Office website at <http://www.gov.ab.ca/ma>.

■ Surviving the season

The night before Christmas

From Elk Point RCMP

Author Unknown

'T was the night before Christmas
and all through the tavern,

Friends greeted each other with "What're you
havin'?"

One patron was draped on the back of his
chair,

Another was squeezing the beer from his
hair.

A woman all dolled up in chiffon and sable
Was belching a carol as she lay 'neath the
table,

And then as her garter let go with a snap
The blonde with the mustache fell out of my
lap.

When from the bar there came a loud shout -
"We're serving no more — now, everyone
out!"

Away to their cars the customers stumbled
And keys into locks were nervously fumbled,
Skidding and sliding through new fallen
snow,

The potential murderers were ready to go.
From each glassy eye there dribbled a tear,
As we all realized that there'd be no more
beer.

We burped at our driver, he threw in the
clutch,

Knocked down a slowpoke, ran over his
crutch.

Zigzagging up town, we spotted a dame,
I rolled down the window and called her by
name.

Up John, down Bridge, on Centre to Star,
When who should appear but a cop in his
car.

We stepped on the gas, gave the horn a loud
toot,

Then off like a shot with the cop in pursuit.
As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly,
Up hill and down dale and then on the level,

We roared through the night as though
chased by the devil.

Then, all in a twinkling, I saw up ahead
The amber had gone, the light had turned
red.

As I threw down my head, put my feet on
the dash,

The night air resounded with a heck of a
crash.

He was dressed all in white from his head to
his feet,

What he said to the nurse, I dare not repeat,
I tried to turn over, but, limp as a sack,
There was nought I could do but lie still on
my back.

My eyes were gone dim and I coughed and I
spat,

My neck was all twisted, my nose was quite
flat,

My droll little mouth was a long scarlet
gash,

Mute proof of the force of that terrible
crash.

The stump of my leg I could see 'neath the
sheet,

I never did find what they did with my feet.
With scalpel and forceps and 98 stitches,
They drew me together like Father's old
britches.

He spoke not a word 'til he'd finished his
work,

Then ordered the nurse to "wheel out that
jerk."

Then placing his thumb to the end of his
nose,

And spreading his fingers - the usual pose,
He bade me adieu and concluded our
meeting,

With a word of advice in his Yuletide
greeting -

"Your best Christmas present is that you're
alive

Maybe now you'll remember

IF YOU'RE DRINKING — DON'T DRIVE.

■ From the FCSS desk

Christmas is next week!

By Deanna Easthope

FCSS Director

Imagine... Christmas is in only seven more days. How are you all doing? Do you have everything ready? You have purchased all the right gifts, the cards are sent and all the special food has been prepared. You have attended all the Christmas concerts, watched the Christmas movies and now you have the feeling of Christmas and you are ready to enjoy December 25. That's great! Now all that is left is opening the gifts and eating the food.

Christmas is definitely a gift-giving and celebrating time. It all started at the birth of Christ when the wise men brought Christ their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Did you hear on the radio last week what they have discovered about myrrh? They have discovered that it is effective in killing some cancer cells. Of course, more research is continuing. From the dictionary, I learned that myrrh is a yellowish-brown to reddish-brown aromatic gum resin with a bitter, slightly pungent taste, obtained from a tree of east Africa and Arabia. Therefore, for the wise men

to bring this as a gift, they must have known something about its healing function then that has been forgotten until now. If you look at what frankincense is, the dictionary also states that it is a fragrant gum resin from chiefly East African or Arabian trees. Only this time the gum resin is fragrant - hence the making of perfume.

So when you think about it — all three gifts really had great value to a King. They were all very appropriate. Therefore the wise men previously knew of his birth, and looked forward to the day it would happen. The gifts were the best for a King and they made sure they had these gifts to give to the baby Jesus, the King. Hence, today we give appropriate gifts to members of our families who are very important to each of us. To our friends, it has become our custom to give them our best "Christmas Wishes" which are spoken, written or sung.

Speaking of writing Christmas wishes, Henry Van Dyke wrote the following poem which expressed his feelings about wishing the best to his friends at Christmas time. He said:

"I am thinking of you today because it is Christmas, and I wish you happiness.

And tomorrow, because it will be the day after Christmas, I shall still wish you happiness.

I may not be able to tell you about it every day, because I may be far away or we may be very busy.

But that makes no difference - my thoughts and my wishes will be with you just the same.

Whatever joy or success comes to you will make me glad clear through the year.

I wish you the spirit of Christmas."

On behalf of the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Board (Doreen Watson, John Robertson, Gene Russell, John Kulig, Thomas Kondla, Parrish Tung and Lyle Frisby) and staff (Deanna Easthope and Faye Smith), we agree with Henry Van Dyke's poem and wish you all happiness, joy and success and the spirit of Christmas in its full meaning to you and your families. And.. may 2002 bring you all the best.

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community **NEWS****Community choir in concert**

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the second half agenda. Udo, Kelsey and Erin Mueller were accompanied by Linda Peters as they told the tale of "Three Wise Men."

Shaun Sheplaw dedicated two Ukrainian carols to his Baba, Annie Sheplaw, but delighted many others of Ukrainian background as well as he sang Boh Predvichny and Vo Vyfleyemi.

Cheryl Kurash, Kim Beady, Laurie Keichinger, Kerry Anderson and Shirley Osinchuk of Harmonious Interlude sang "The Message of the Holly," joined by Sarah Osinchuk on piano for their second number, "The Secret of Christmas."

Kerry Anderson's vocal and piano prowess was showcased in her exquisite solo, "Reaching."

The choir was back for their final set, starting with a traditional carol, "O Come All Ye Faithful," followed by the drowsy "Candlelight Canon," and the up-tempo "Bethlehem Hallelu," with Kelsey Mueller on conga.

Miss Mueller took over Deanna Easthope's place at the piano for a delightful rendition of "Operator (Get me

Heaven on the line), joining Erin Mueller on trombone, Kallie-Jo Coleman on trumpet and Kim Beady on clarinet to back up the choir, soloist Kerry Anderson and quartet members Laurie Keichinger, Shaun Sheplaw, Kim Beady and Garry Townsend in the most impressive number of the evening.

"Deep in Our Hearts" brought the choir back

to a slower pace, celebrating justice, peace and unity. Conductor Udo Mueller told the audience "our comfort zones have been redefined" by September, along with renewed "love of simple pleasures, such as music... one of the most basic human needs."

The choir and audience joined in singing "Silent Night" to conclude the evening.



HARMONY ALL THE WAY - Laurie Keichinger, Shirley Osinchuk, Cheryl Kurash, Kim Beady and Kerry Anderson impart "The Message of the Holly".



WHERE DID THAT STAR GO? Directionally challenged Wise Men Gaspar, Belshazzar and Binky (above) search for the answers at the Community Choir concert.



SANTA WAS IN TOWN for the concert, too, and appeared on cue when the audience sang "Santa Claus is Coming To Town."

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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Elk Point

Early deadline for holiday issues

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the Elk Point Review and St. Paul Journal will have earlier deadlines than usual for the next two issues, which will be delivered on Mondays, December 24 and December 31.

Deadline for all advertising and copy for the **December 24** issue is **Wednesday, December 19 at 4 p.m.**

Deadline for all advertising and copy for the **December 31** issue is **12 noon on Thursday, December 27.**

Thank you for your cooperation. Have a very happy holiday season.

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

May you and your loved ones enjoy all the splendor of this very special time of year. It's been a pleasure serving you.

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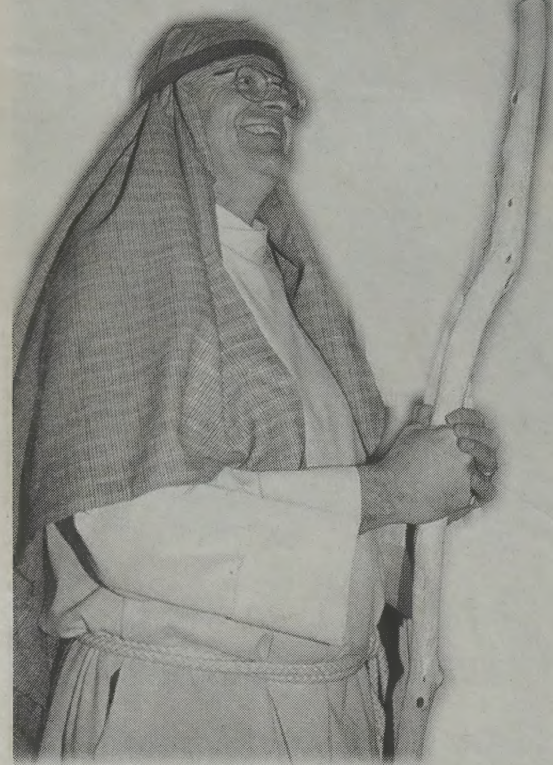
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LEADER OF HIS FLOCK - Jope Langejans

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prayer, and invited all to follow along with Joseph and Mary as "the magic and the mystery of Christmas unfolds."

After a congregational carol, "O Come, All Ye Faithful," a quartet of tiny angels, one carrying along her blanket, made their way down the aisle toward the glowing star and the manger. Mary, Joseph, shepherds and wise men all appeared as Jope Langejans related the miracle of Christmas.

The mixed choir sang "One Child," and were followed up by Mary Bezpalko, Paul and Olga Musijowski, Bill and Olga Seniuk and Kay Wozniak who sang two Ukrainian carols. The choir was back with "Angels From the Realms of Glory," and "Once in Royal David's City," interspersed by a congregational carol, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

Millie Orr read from Luke 2: 1-11, the first part of the Christmas story.

After "Hope is a Star" by the choir, the Christian Community Church Children's Choir sang "Mary's Boy Child" and "Oh, My Lord" with the congregation joining in on "Go Tell it on the Mountain."

"Sheep Fast Asleep" by the choir was followed by the "First Nowell" by the congregation.

Addison Bartholomew and Curtis Beardy added a southern flavor as they played on acoustic guitars a Mexican Christmas Song composed by Josh Boyko.

The choir took up a Calypso beat in "Follow Them to Bethlehem." "O Little Town of Bethlehem" by the congregation was followed by the second scripture reading by Karen Langejans. The choir followed with "Still, Still, Still."

A very special part of the program was a Dutch Christmas carol, "Eere Zij God (Glory to God)" by Jope Langejans, who repeated the timeless words in English.

Two more carols by the congregation, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and "Joy to the World" and the choir's "There is Peace" completed the program.

Ed Poulin of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church offered the benediction before the choir, led by Addison and Curtis, left the sanctuary, singing "Silent Night" in four languages as they made their way down the aisle.



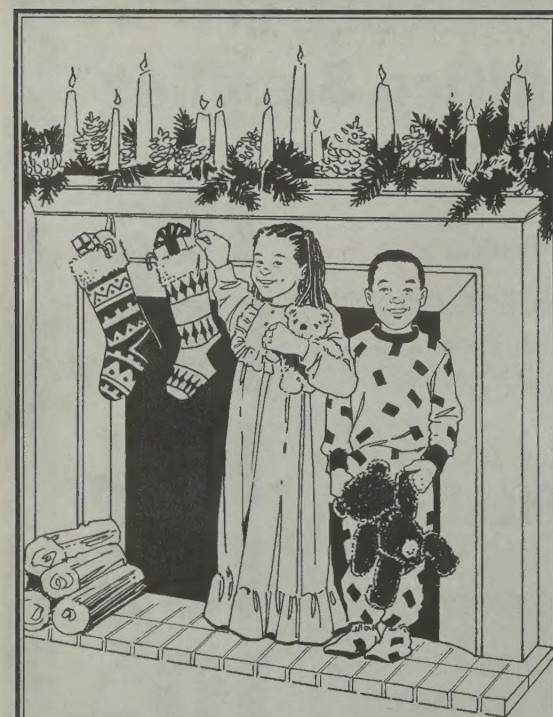
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Candidate	Political Party	Expense
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community NEWS

Faith

Silent Night - Holy Night

A Christmas blessing
from Jope Langejans
Elk Point United Church

Throughout the ages, the concept of Christmas or what was known to the Roman Catholic movement at that time, 'Christ Mass', was to celebrate the virgin birth and to position this event as one of the most significant occurrences in Christendom. After nearly 2000 years, we still celebrate this day as one of our most sacred and most holy times. We gather together as family and friends and make our pilgrimage to the local church and honor the Christ-child. We raise our voices up in song with those familiar carols that are sung once a year. We surround the Christmas tree with gifts and decorations and smell the aromas of whatever is being cooked or contrived in the kitchen. We make long-distance calls to families and friends that we haven't talked to for a long time. There is so much that has to be done and so little time.

What about the Christmas Cards? How about the last-minute gifts? When do I find time to do all of my Christmas baking? Where did all the hours go in the day? Where did all the hours go in the night?

Sound familiar?

This has become a trait of our busy-ness as we slowly forget our reason for celebrating this holiday. This Silent Night - this Holy Night must become a part of our lives again. Jesus was born amongst us to bring us hope and peace, joy and love. His birth heralded the love that God has for us and could only be shown through a manifestation of a human being - one that we could associate with. This birth is not only unprecedented, it has also become so necessary for us, as a society, to recognize as we see the significance of what God is for us.

This Christmas I invite you to hug someone: a child, a Baba, a friend, a neighbor, someone who needs your healing touch. I

invite you to become the child again that made you who you are. I invite you to take that journey back to Bethlehem and sit before that manger in that Silent Night - that Holy Night. And I invite you to come and spend Christmas Eve with us at 8:00 p.m. as we light the candles of hope, sing the songs of joy, and pray for peace.

Blessings to all and in turn, bless each other. May you all experience the holiest of Christmases. Amen.



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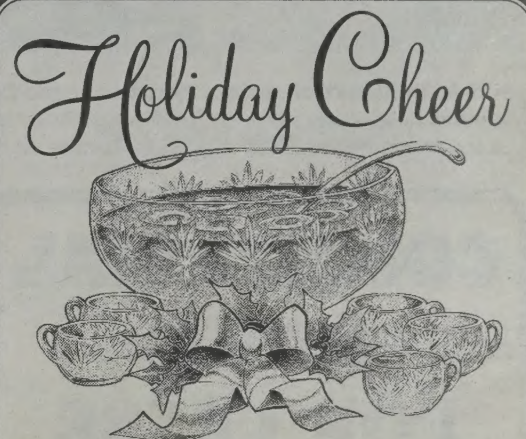
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Following are the details of this Program:

1. The County will pay an incentive of \$10.00 per Coyote that is shot or snared during the period commencing December 17, 2001 to March 31, 2002.
2. To qualify for the incentive payment, the Coyote Carcasses must be taken to the County Public Works Shop in St. Paul for verification of the number of Coyotes being claimed. The County will be accepting Coyotes one day a week, Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
3. The Agricultural Fieldman or Assistant Agricultural Fieldman will cut the left front foot off the carcass to identify it as having been paid the \$10.00 incentive.
4. Only whole, unskinned Coyotes are accepted for payment; Coyote Pelts are not eligible for payment.
5. Residents living within the County of St. Paul No. 19, including the Towns of St. Paul and Elk Point, will be eligible to participate in this program.
6. Coyotes that originate from outside the County boundaries, or are brought in by a non-resident of the above noted areas will not be accepted for payment under this program.
7. This program may terminate at an earlier date than the March 31, 2002 deadline, subject to budget limitations.

For information on Regulations governing the use of snares for Coyotes, please contact the Fish & Wildlife Office at 645-6313.

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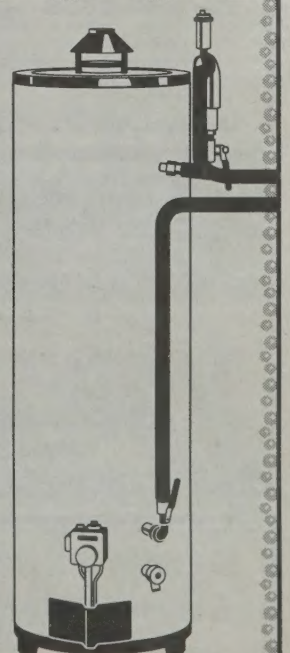
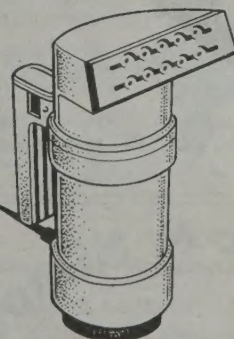
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SISTER ACT - Sisters Dalyse Osguthorpe (left) and Dawn Bruins opened their secondhand store, aptly named "The Garage Sale" in the vintage premises which was the longtime home of George's Garage at 50 Avenue and 51 Street.

For all those of you out there for whom winter is a long, boring stretch between garage sales, have we got a store for you -- and it's in a real, genuine garage to boot.

Sisters Dalyse Osguthorpe and Dawn Bruins opened The Garage Sale just in time for Elk Point's November 30 Christmas Extravaganza and have been doing a roaring business ever since.

Everything from salt and pepper shakers to suitcases, copper mugs to computer desks is on offer in the three sections of the store. A handsome dining room suite is next door to a pre-rural-electrification Coleman gas lamp and an electric fireplace decked with Christmas lights for the holidays.

Ms Osguthorpe has operated a similar store in Rimbey, in west central Alberta, for a number of years, but decided to move to Elk Point to live and work near her sister, Dawn Bruins, and other family members. "I found it hard to find staff over there. Here I have lots of family to help out."

She may need all the assistance she can get. She brought five large truckloads of merchandise from her other store and still has stacks and stacks of boxes to be unpacked, their contents priced and put on display.

Household goods of all kinds, from dishes to lamps to small appliances are looking for new homes, and there is a huge selection of paperback books to entice browsers. The back section of the store will eventually offer a good range of used building supplies for the do-it-yourselfers.

You can even buy a greeting card for 12 1/2 cents -- that is, if you buy two of them. Ms. Bruins, who came across a box of old-time price tags, felt this was just the right price to go on this basket of cards, and noted tongue-in-cheek that "you won't get a deal like that anywhere else in town."

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Pork producers support new CFO regulations

Edmonton - New regulations governing confined livestock operations (CFOs) will lay the foundation for future prosperity in Alberta's livestock industry, said Hon. Shirley McClellan, Deputy Premier and

Minister of Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, at the Alberta Pork Annual General Meeting held Dec. 5, 6 in Edmonton.

Alberta Pork, along with beef producers and poultry producers, has been working with the province to develop a set of clear, province-wide regulations for the approval of new or expanding livestock operations. Earlier this

year, the province announced that a new, province-wide approval process will be administered by Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB).

"We are down to the last moments of completing the regulations," said McClellan, noting the legislation will provide a solid framework to balance the needs of

producers and society in the future.

NRCB staff has spent countless hours working with the agriculture industry, municipalities and other stakeholders to ensure the transition to the new regulatory structure is smooth, and that the approval process is a common-sense approach based on good science and information, she said.

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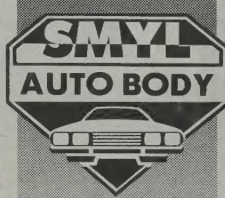
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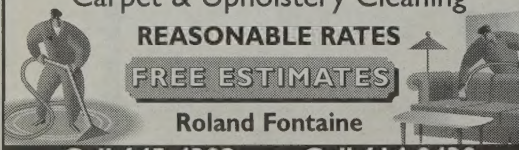
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By Daphne Schnurer
Librarian

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Wondering which brand to purchase, why not check out the consumer reports buying guide for 2002 or check out their website at consumerreports.org. This also includes a shop smart chapter with some how tos, tips and shortcuts that can help you find what you want fast and at a good price.

Last week to pick up some

ready material for over Christmas. The library will be closed December 24 to January 1. Regular hours resume January 2.

Reminders

If you haven't picked up your silent auction items, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Christmas Storytime - Friday, December 21 at 10:30. Join us for crafts, games and cookies.

Next Senior's Tea - January 8 at 2:00 p.m.

Celebrate the baby, but...

By Pastor Jim MacLellan
Elk Point Baptist Church

OBITUARY

PIDRUCHNEY, John



John Pidruchney passed away at the Vermilion Health Centre on November 28 at the age of 88.

John was born on December 27, 1912 on a farm near Pathfinder in the Myrnam area. In 1936, he married Elsie Saruk and, together they farmed near Pathfinder for more than 50 years. He was active member of Our Lady of Assumption Ukrainian Catholic Church in Myrnam and the B.P.O.E. as well as various Farm organizations. They retired in Myrnam and later moved to Vermilion.

John is survived by his wife Elsie, children: Rose (Clarence) Romaniuk of Calgary, Ellen (Oswald) Yaremchuk of Myrnam, Ed (Lorna) Pidruchney, Doreen (Harry) Judge of Medicine Hat, & Patricia Pidruchney (Cliff Driver) of Vermilion. He also leaves to mourn eleven grandchildren: Charles, Tanya, Cynthia, Loren, Gord, Shelley, Laurian, Harry Joseph, John, Kate, and Marc. In addition, he is survived by his brother Joseph of Myrnam and his sister, Anne Sutherland, of New Westminster, B.C. He was predeceased by his parents, Paul and Mary, and his brothers Peter and Michael.

Funeral Services were conducted in St Olga's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Vermilion on Monday, December 3, with Father Slavko Dumec. Interment was in the Vermilion Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or to the Vermilion Health Centre.

Card of Thanks

The family of John Pidruchney would like to express their sincerest thanks to Dr. Nadori and the staff of the Vermilion Health Centre for the excellent care and attention he received there. In addition, we wish to thank Father Dumec and everyone who attended his funeral, sent cards and flowers, and provided kind words of support.

Someone was traveling Europe and went into a city and asked a resident, "Were there any famous people born here?" The resident answered well. "No, just babies — only babies."

The point is that when it is time to honor famous people we don't think of them as babies — but as fully grown people who have made a significant impact in our lives.

Although it is proper to think of Jesus as the Baby of Bethlehem, we must never stop there. This baby was no ordinary baby — this was the Son of God — the Christ. This Divine Child grew into an

absolutely perfect and sinless Man that died on the Cross for the sins of people.

It is OK to celebrate the baby — but don't stop there — worship the Christ. Even though this famous baby had important guests visit Him, we note that they all worshipped Him. This is to be our response. How sad it would be if you and I only thought of Jesus as a baby, and not as the sinless Lamb of God that came to save us.

In your search for Christ, don't stop at the manger — go to the Cross. "There is salvation in no one else! There is no other name

in all of heaven for people to call on to save them." (Acts 4:12, Holy Bible, New Living Translation, [Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc] 1996). On behalf of my entire congregation and myself, I wish for you a successful Christmas journey, through the manger to the Mount called Calvary.

OBITUARY

BERG, Arvid Ragnar

On December 14, 2001, Mr. Arvid R. Berg of Elk Point passed away at the age of 79 years..

He is survived by 1 brother and 3 sisters, Léonard (Norma) of Elk Point, Astrid Koistinen of Abee, Elsa Creamer of Victoria, B.C., Vera (Harry) Tehir of Cold Lake; numerous nieces and nephews. Arvid was predeceased by his parents, Hjalmar & Karen Berg; 3 brothers, Arthur, Harold and Carl; 2 sisters, Signe & Svea.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

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IN MEMORIAM

ANDRISHAK, Joanne

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Christmas Church Services



Calvary Family Fellowship

December 24, 6:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve candlelight service at Elk Point Seniors Centre
Christmas Morning, 11:00 a.m. - Carol service followed by Christmas dinner (see advertisement for details)

Christian Community Church

December 23, 10:00 a.m. - Christmas program

December 24, 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve candlelight service

December 30, 10:00 a.m. - Regular service

Elk Point Baptist Church

December 16, 7:00 p.m. - Sunday School Christmas concert

Elk Point United Church

December 16, 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Cantata
December 24, 8:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve candlelight service

review

COMMUNITY NEWSLINE

"Mother to Mother" Breastfeeding Support Group - meets 4th Monday of every month, 10 a.m. Call 724-3332 for more info. Expectant mothers and older siblings welcome.

Elk Point Parent Nursery - Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to Noon, Elk Point United Church Hall. Children under 6 and parents welcome. For more info, call Lynda Letwin, 724-0004 or Lynn Berg, 724-3442.

At-Anon Family Group Meeting, Room 605, Elk Point Municipal Hospital, Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Room 604, Elk Point Hospital.

T.O.P.S. meets every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., FCSS Office, Elk Point.

"New To Town" FCSS would like to welcome and familiarize new families with the services and programs available in town. Welcome packages contain a community directory, volunteer directory, coupons, maps and more! Call 724-3800 for more information or drop by 4902 - 51 Street.

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The Elk Point Legion now meets on the 2nd Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Seniors' Centre.

Elk Point Auto Club - meets at the Empress Restaurant, Elk Point, the 2nd Wednesday of each month. More information call: Ed Smith at 724-2527.

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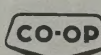
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Lethbridge - Both the oil and gas and agricultural industries stand to benefit from a study on oil wellsite reclamation by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Lethbridge Research Centre.

Results of the four-year study show composted manure is a valuable tool to for healing land disturbed by oil and gas wells, says researcher Dr. Frank Larney. Larney conducted the study with Dr. Wole Akinremi of the University of Manitoba, Dr. Reynald Lemke of the Semi-Arid Prairie Agricultural Research Centre in Swift Current and Vasile Klaassen of PanCanadian Energy Resources.

The oil and gas industry currently uses topsoil amendments to restore wellsites, but compost may provide a more cost-effective alternative, he says. It would also provide a value-added outlet for

livestock manure.

"As the livestock sector continues to expand across Western Canada, we need to find more ways to take advantage of manure as a nutrient resource," says Larney. "Land reclamation is an important way to accomplish this."

In Alberta alone, an estimated 350,000 ha of land is leased to the oil and gas industry, and about 40,000 ha becomes available for reclamation each year. Alberta Environment requires restoration of specific levels of salvaged topsoil to wellsites before they are turned over to farmers or other land users. For wellsites constructed before 1983, the province requires that 60 per cent of the original depth of topsoil be replaced. The requirement is 70 per cent for those constructed after 1983, and 80 per cent for those built after April 30, 1994.

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review SPORTS

Elk Point will host 2002 Midget Girls hockey Provincials

By Doug Bassett

Review Sports

Top story this week: Big news coming out of Red Deer on Thursday out of the office of Hockey Alberta. Elk Point has been awarded the 2002 Midget "B" Girls Provincials on March 22, 23 and 24. What could be better than this?

The **Midget Girls Storm** will have an automatic ticket into the provincials, but this team is still undefeated this season with a record 8 and 0, and you all know they will be contenders. The Storm took this past weekend off for Christmas shopping, but in the next two and a half months they will be committed to working toward one goal, winning a provincial medal.

The **Dewberry- Elk Point Bantams** were supposed to play in a tournament in Cold Lake, but with the number of injuries the team has right now, they declined the invitation. The Novice Hurricanes were also shut down for the weekend.

The **Elk Point - Dewberry Pee wee Avalanche** were in Marwayne's tournament, losing the A event to Lloydminster, and in the end, it all came down to a shootout.

Starting out in the first game on Saturday morning against Marwayne, the Avalanche defeated them 5 to 3. Two goals by Brett Gadwa, singles by Brett Youngmans, Tyler Loughran and Travis McVeety with his first of the season. Mitch Walker, Royle Bristow, Craig Dallaire and Jordan Giesbrecht assisting.

In their second game Saturday night, the Avalanche took out Kitscoty 5 to 4 with only 1:45 left in the third, Tellia Loughran getting her first goal, Kody Wickham hammering two, Tyler Loughran a single and Brett Youngmans with the winner. Assisting on the scoring, Mitch Walker with two, Brett Gadwa and big Dan Blacklock.

In the "A" final on Sunday, the Avalanche played a very physical and penalty-filled game against the Lloydminster Blazers, to a 3-all tie after regulation time. Brett Gadwa with two, Kody Wickham getting the other marker, Craig Dallaire, Ryan "Little M" MacDonald, Mitch Walker and Tellia Loughran assisting. In the shootout, Cole Brodwin and Mitch Walker scoring, but Lloydminster scored three times to win the tournament.

The **Micro Novice Tornadoes** played against Mannville at home, the only minor hockey game in the Dome this weekend, the Tornadoes winning 11 to 3. Tyson Moneta and Brandon Rainey with hat tricks, Trevor Ballas with two, Wyatt Dewan with a single and scoring their first goals ever, Beaudon Rogers and the big guy, Brett Zarowny.

The **Atom Avalanche** were shut down last weekend, but made up for it this weekend, playing one league game Friday night in St. Paul before hitting the road to a tournament in Mannville on Saturday and Sunday.

On Friday night in St. Paul, the Avalanche won 4 to 2, Colin Calliou scoring his first goal ever.

Then on Saturday morning in Mannville, the Avalanche won in overtime against Kitscoty, 7 to 6, Mike Marianchuk with four goals including the winner, Kameron Ballas with two more, and scoring her first goal ever, Amanda Marianchuk.

The second game was a tough loss for the Avalanche, losing to Irma 7 to 6 with just 51 seconds left in the third. Mike Marianchuk and Ryan Marceniuk with two each, Kameron Ballas and Sonny Benson getting singles.

The loss sent them to the C final where they lost to Dewberry, Warren Jurak scoring his first of the season in this one. Goaltender "Bronco Billy" Hudy played superbly all weekend.

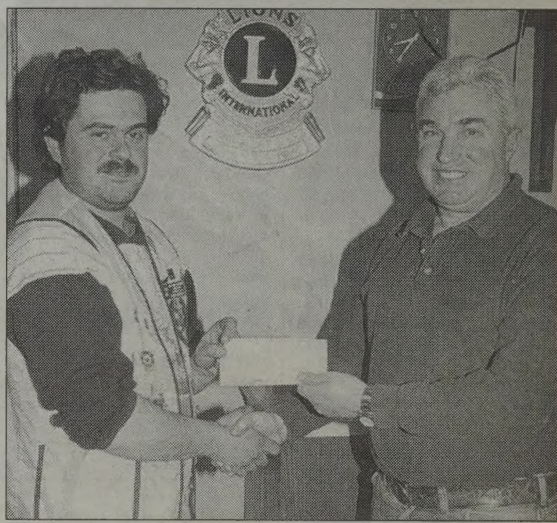
Up in the big, big triple A beer league, the **B & R Bullets** bounced back after their disappointing loss

in the city to Jorvik, with back-to-back victories, defeating the St. Paul Hawks on Monday night, then winning over the Lindbergh Last Knights on Tuesday.

And how about those Leafs, five wins in a row, including Montreal on Saturday night, are they hot or what?

And now it's time for this week's K. A. Campbell trivia question: Name the only player to receive a full year's salary in 1995/96, the year of the NHL player lockout? Last week's answer: Mike Gardner had 15 seasons with 30 or more goals, but never won a major award or Stanley Cup.

The countdown is on. Next week at this time, we'll all be sitting around eating and opening presents, so have a Merry Christmas from the "Hound Dog," but remember, be good, 'cause Santa's watching!



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Elks stampede shorthanded PV Jets

Paradise Valley Jets arrived in Elk Point late for Saturday evening's game against the Elk Point Elks, they came shorthanded, and had to borrow the Elks' away set of sweaters when they got here, but they gave the Elks a run for their money nonetheless.

The Jets had only three extra skaters when the game started 15 minutes late. Clayton Cardinal put the Elks on the scoreboard just before mid-period, assisted by Brian Poitras and Lawren Wowk, with Cory Laboucane making it 2-0 with an unassisted goal two minutes later. Ian Flewel replied for the Jets, who by then had gained two more players, at the end of the period, assisted by Tyler Wilson and Chad Smith.

Darin Marchand, assisted by Flewel and Smith, tied the score early in the second, with Clayton Cardinal's second goal of the game bringing the

Elks back in front off an assist from Wowk. Flewel scored a pair for the Jets 36 seconds apart, assisted by Scott Kurtz in the first and Marchand and Smith in the second to regain the lead.

Clayton Cardinal's shorthanded hat trick goal with 2:55 left in the period evened the score, Sheldon Espetveidt and Henry Cardinal assisting, then Espetveidt made the best of a Jets penalty to score on the power play off assists by Wowk and Aaron Aarbo, sending the Elks to the dressing room up 5 to 4.

Clayton Cardinal scored his fourth goal early in the final period, assisted by Wowk and Vern John. Chad Smith, assisted to Kurtz, scored one last goal for the Jets at mid-period, to narrow the margin, but Henry Cardinal gave the Elks the last word with 1:08 on the clock, assisted by Wowk.

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